

Using Really Big Computers to Study Rather Small Nuclei

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SciDAC

Scientific Discovery through Advanced Computing

MICROSCOPIC FEW- & MANY-NUCLEON CALCULATIONS

Goal: a microscopic description of nuclear structure and reactions from bare NN & $3N$ forces.

There are two problems that must be solved to obtain this goal

(I) What is the Hamiltonian (i.e. the nuclear forces)?

- NN force controlled by NN scattering – lots of data available
 - Argonne v_{ij}
- $3N$ force determined from properties of light nuclei
 - Recent Illinois models with 2π & 3π rings

(II) Given H , solve the Schrödinger equation for A nucleons accurately.

- Essential for comparisons of models to data
- Quantum Monte Carlo has made much progress for $A \leq 12$
- Nuclei go up to $A=238$ and beyond!
 - less accurate approximations are used beyond 12

Without (II) comparison to experiment says nothing about (I).

ACCURATE REPRESENTATIONS OF NUCLEAR FORCES

- 1935: Meson-exchange theory of Yukawa
- 1953: Δ (33) resonance discovered by Anderson & Fermi
- 1955: Fujita-Miyazawa three-nucleon potential based on Δ excitation
- 1957: First phase-shift analysis of NN scattering data
- 1957–1968: Gammel-Thaler, Hamada-Johnston & Reid phenomenological potentials
- 1970s: Bonn, Nijmegen & Paris field-theoretic models
- 1993: Nijmegen Partial Wave Analysis (PWA93) $\rightarrow \chi^2 \sim 1$
- 1993–1996: Nijm I, Nijm II, Reid93, Argonne v_{18} & CD-Bonn
- 2004: Effective field theory at $N^3\text{LO}$

NUCLEAR HAMILTONIAN

$$H = \sum_i K_i + \sum_{i < j} v_{ij} + \sum_{i < j < k} V_{ijk}$$

K_i : Non-relativistic kinetic energy, $m_n - m_p$ effects included

v_{ij} : Argonne v18 (1995)

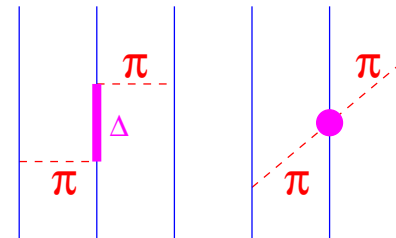
- AV18 is a direct fit to 4300 NN data in the Nijmegen data base: $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 1.09$



$$V_{ijk} = V_{ijk}^{2\pi} + V_{ijk}^{3\pi} + V_{ijk}^R$$

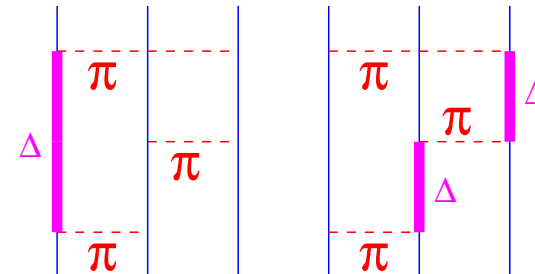
$V_{ijk}^{2\pi}$: Fujita-Miyazawa + s-wave term; in most V_{ijk}

- Longest ranged V_{ijk}
- Attractive in all nuclei studied.



$V_{ijk}^{3\pi}$: 3π rings with Δ 's; new in Illinois V_{ijk}

- Extra p-shell, $|N - Z|$ attraction
- $\langle V_{ijk}^{3\pi} \rangle \lesssim 0.1 \langle V_{ijk}^{2\pi} \rangle$



In light nuclei we find $\langle V_{ijk} \rangle \sim (0.02 \text{ to } 0.09) \langle v_{ij} \rangle \sim (0.15 \text{ to } 0.6) \langle H \rangle$
 (Large cancellation of K and v_{ij})

THE MANY-BODY PROBLEM

Need to solve the Schrödinger Equation for A nucleons:

$$\begin{aligned} H\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_A; s_1, s_2, \dots, s_A; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_A) \\ = E\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_A; s_1, s_2, \dots, s_A; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_A) \end{aligned}$$

s_i are nucleon spins: $\pm\frac{1}{2}$

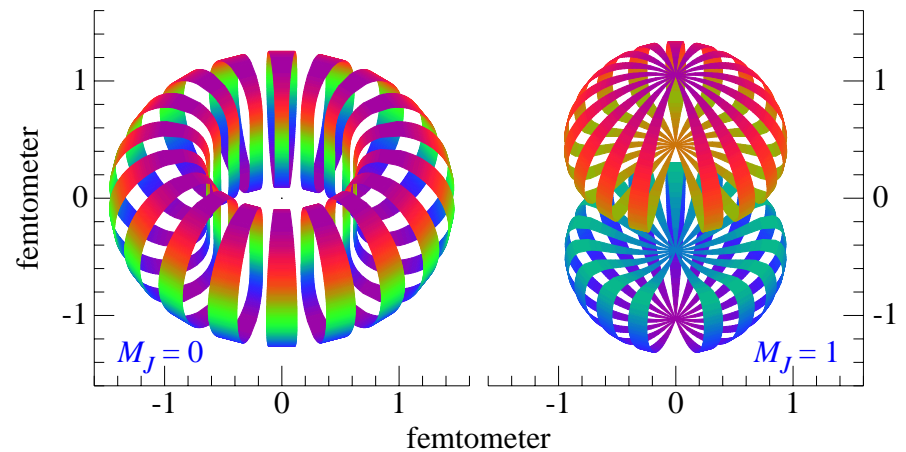
t_i are nucleon isospins (proton or neutron): $\pm\frac{1}{2}$

$2^A \times \binom{A}{Z}$ complex coupled 2^{nd} order eqn in $3A - 3$ variables
(number of isospin states can be reduced)

^{12}C : 270,336 coupled equations in 33 variables

Coupling is strong:

- $\langle v_{\text{Tensor}} \rangle$ is $\sim 60\%$ of total $\langle v_{ij} \rangle$
- $\langle v_{\text{Tensor}} \rangle = 0$ if no tensor correlations



ACCURATE SOLUTIONS OF MANY-BODY SCHRÖDIGNER EQUATION

- ^2H by Numerical Integration (1952)
 - “5 to 20 minutes for calculation and 10 minutes to print result”
- 1981: Lomnitz-Adler, Pandharipande & Smith – 1st nuclear Variational Monte Carlo
 - ^3H & ^4He using the Reid NN potential
- 1987: Carlson – 1st nuclear Green’s function Monte Carlo – ^3H & ^4He with v_6 potential
- 1987: Carlson, Schmidt & Kalos – VMC calculation of n - ^4He scattering phase shifts
- 1988: Carlson – GFMC for ^3H & ^4He with full Reid v_8 potential (tensor and $L \cdot S$ terms)
- 1991: Carlson – GFMC calculation of n - ^4He scattering phase shifts (large statistical errors)
- 1992: Pieper, Wiringa & Pandharipande – Cluster VMC calculation of ^{16}O
- 1995: Pudliner, Pandharipande, Carlson & Wiringa – GFMC for ^6He , ^6Li with AV18+UIX
- 1996–present: Slow but steady progress of GFMC to bigger nuclei (now at ^{12}C)
- 1995–present: No Core Shell Model up to ^{16}O
- 2001: ^4He benchmark by 7 methods to 0.1% (17 theorists on one paper!)
- 2005: ^{16}O by Coupled Cluster

QUANTUM MONTE CARLO

Need to solve the Schrödinger Equation for A nucleons: $H\Psi_0 = E\Psi_0$

Ψ_0 is the “ground-state” or lowest-energy solution.

QMC uses two steps

I) Variational Monte Carlo (VMC)

- makes an inspired guess about a parametrized form of the answer
- Can have sub-cluster structure, like $\alpha+t+n$ for ${}^8\text{Li}$ or $\alpha+\alpha+\alpha$ for ${}^{12}\text{C}$
- determines best values of parameters
- result is an approximation: Ψ_T

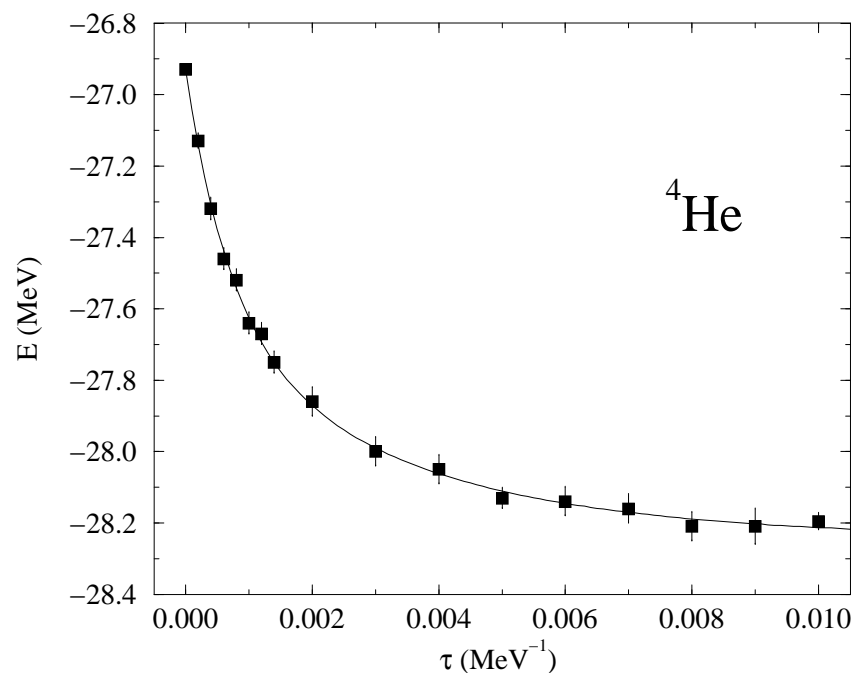
II) Green's Function Monte Carlo (GFMC)

- VMC Ψ_T is propagated (iterated) towards exact solution: $\Psi_n \rightarrow \Psi_0$
- Uses “small-time-step” approximation to single iteration: $G(\mathbf{R}_n, \mathbf{R}_{n-1})$
- Each iteration is another nested $3A$ -dimensional integral:

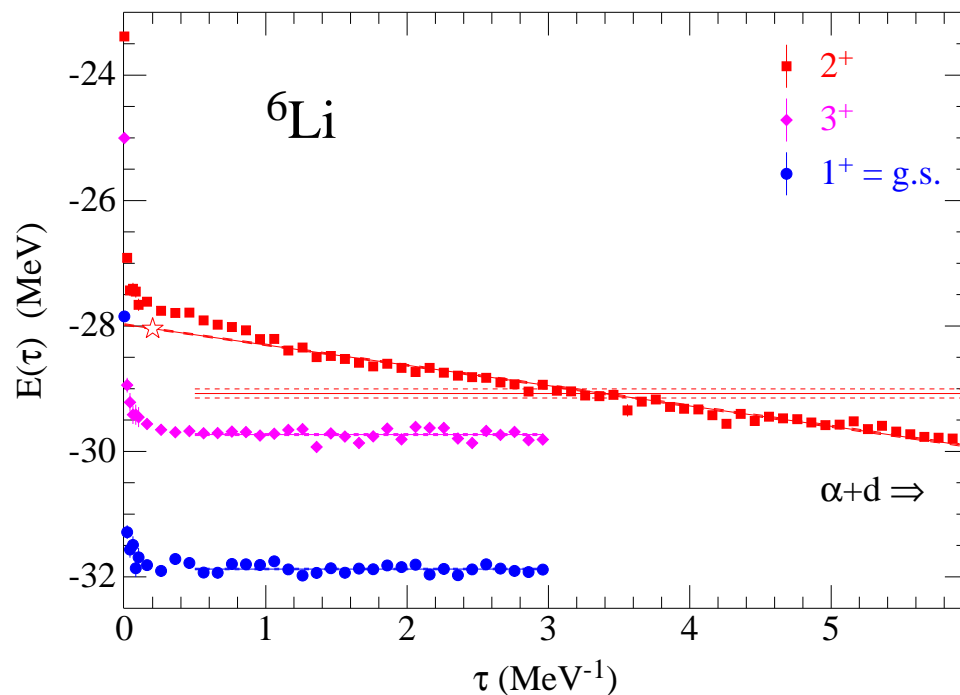
$$\Psi_n(\mathbf{R}_n) = \int G(\mathbf{R}_n, \mathbf{R}_{n-1}) \left[\cdots \left[\int G(\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbf{R}_1) \left[\int G(\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_0) \Psi_T(\mathbf{R}_0) d\mathbf{R}_0 \right] d\mathbf{R}_1 \right] \cdots \right] d\mathbf{R}_{n-1}$$

- ${}^{12}\text{C}$: typically $1000 \times 3 \times 12$ dimensional integral; done by Monte Carlo
- Monte Carlo samples are killed or replicated in branching random walk – total fluctuates

EXAMPLES OF GFMC PROPAGATION



Curve has $\exp(-E_i\tau)$ with
 $E_i = 1480, 340 \text{ \& } 20.2 \text{ MeV}$
 (20.2 MeV is first ${}^4\text{He}$ 0^+ excitation)
 Ψ_T has small amounts of 1.5 GeV
 contamination



$\text{g.s. } (1^+) \text{ \& } 3^+$ stable after $\tau = 0.2 \text{ MeV}^{-1}$
 2^+ (a broad resonance) never stable –
 decaying to separated α & d
 $E(\tau=0.2)$ is best GFMC estimate of resonance
 energy

REPRESENTING Ψ_T IN THE COMPUTER

$\Psi_T(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_A)$ is a vector in spin-isospin space
 $[2^A \text{ components for spin}] \times [N_T \text{ components for isospin}]$

- $N_T = \binom{A}{Z}$ for proton-neutron basis
- $= \frac{2T+1}{A/2+T+1} \binom{A}{A/2+T}$ for good isospin basis

Potentials (v_{ij}, V_{ijk}) and correlations (u_{ij}, U_{ijk}) involve repeated operations on Ψ

$$\sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j = 2(\sigma_i^+ \sigma_j^- + \sigma_i^- \sigma_j^+) + \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z = 2P_{ij}^\sigma - 1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ on } \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow\uparrow \\ \uparrow\downarrow \\ \downarrow\uparrow \\ \downarrow\downarrow \end{pmatrix}$$

These result in sparse matrices containing noncontiguous 4×4 and 8×8 blocks

Consider spin part of $A=3$ w.f.; $\sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j$ will not mix different isospin components:

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} a_{\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow} \\ a_{\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow} \\ a_{\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow} \\ a_{\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow} \\ a_{\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow} \\ a_{\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow} \\ a_{\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow} \\ a_{\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}; \quad \sigma_2 \cdot \sigma_3 \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} a_{\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow} \\ 2a_{\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow} - a_{\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow} \\ 2a_{\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow} - a_{\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow} \\ a_{\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow} \\ a_{\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow} \\ 2a_{\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow} - a_{\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow} \\ 2a_{\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow} - a_{\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow} \\ a_{\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}; \quad \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} a_{\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow} \\ a_{\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow} \\ 2a_{\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow} - a_{\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow} \\ 2a_{\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow} - a_{\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow} \\ 2a_{\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow} - a_{\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow} \\ 2a_{\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow} - a_{\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow} \\ a_{\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow} \\ a_{\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}$$

Specialized table-driven subroutines carry out these operations

SCALING OF Ψ_T CALCULATION TIME WITH NUCLEUS

	Pairs	Spin \times Isospin	$\prod(/^8\text{Be})$
^4He	6	8×2	0.002
^6Li	15	32×5	0.048
^7Li	21	128×14	0.75
^8Be	28	128×14	1.
^8Li	28	128×28	2.
^9Be	36	512×42	15.
^{10}B	45	512×42	19.
^{10}Be	45	512×90	41.
^{11}Li	55	2048×110	247.
^{12}C	66	2048×132	356. \rightarrow 500.
^{16}O	120	32768×1430	112,065.
^{40}Ca	780	$3.6\times 10^{21} \times 6.6\times 10^9$	5.6×10^{19}

MAKING IT PARALLEL – OLD METHOD

Master-slave structure

Each slave gets configurations to propagate

Results sent back to master for averaging as generated

During propagation, configurations multiply or are killed

- Work load fluctuates
- Periodically master collects statistics and tells slaves to redistribute
- Slaves have work set aside to do during this synchronization

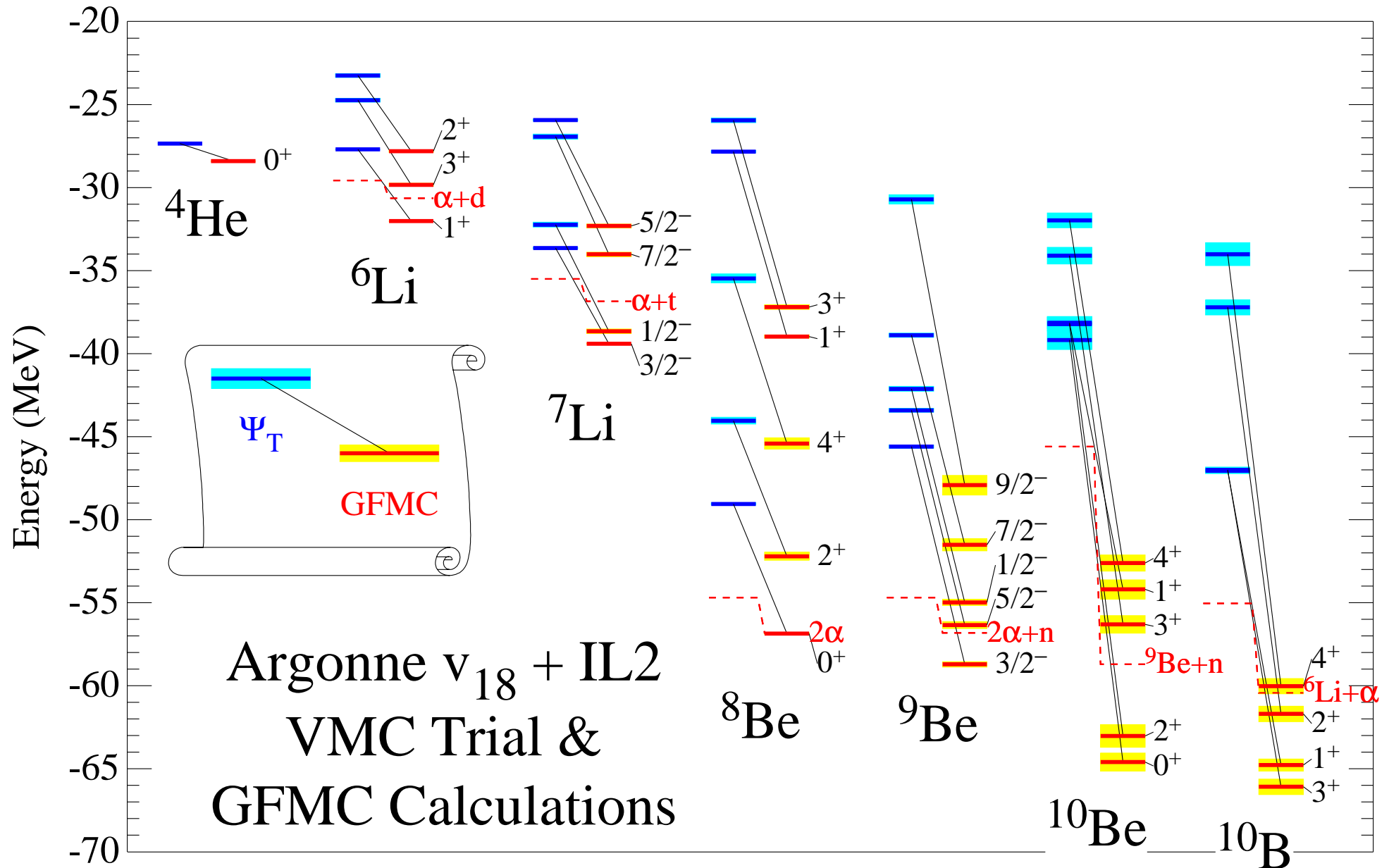
Large calculations have very low (minutes) frequency of communication

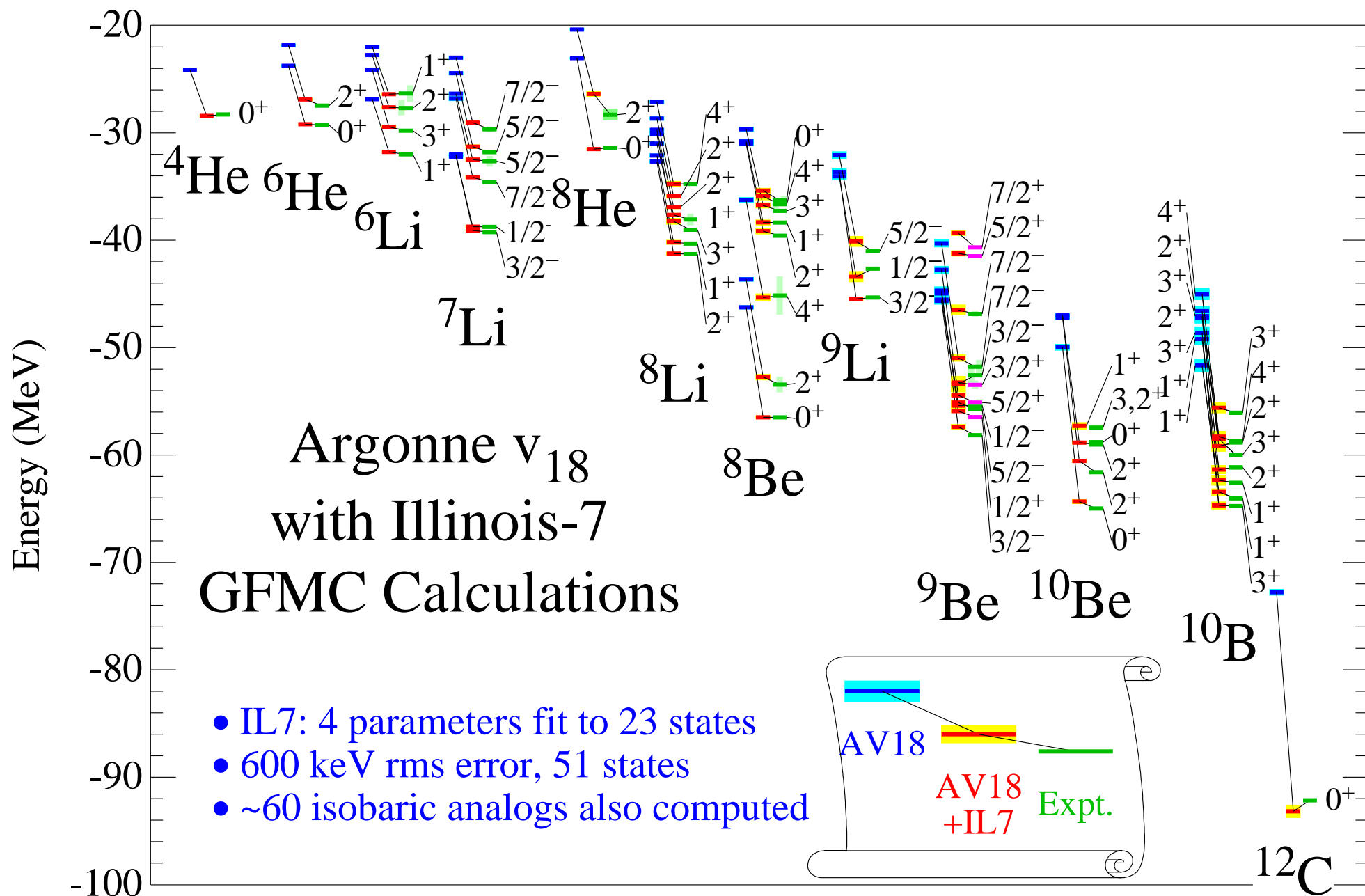
Parallelization efficiencies typically 95%

92% efficiency obtained on 2048-processor Seaborg run; 0.55 TFLOPS.

Works well up to 10 nucleons and < 5000 nodes—more Monte Carlo samples than nodes

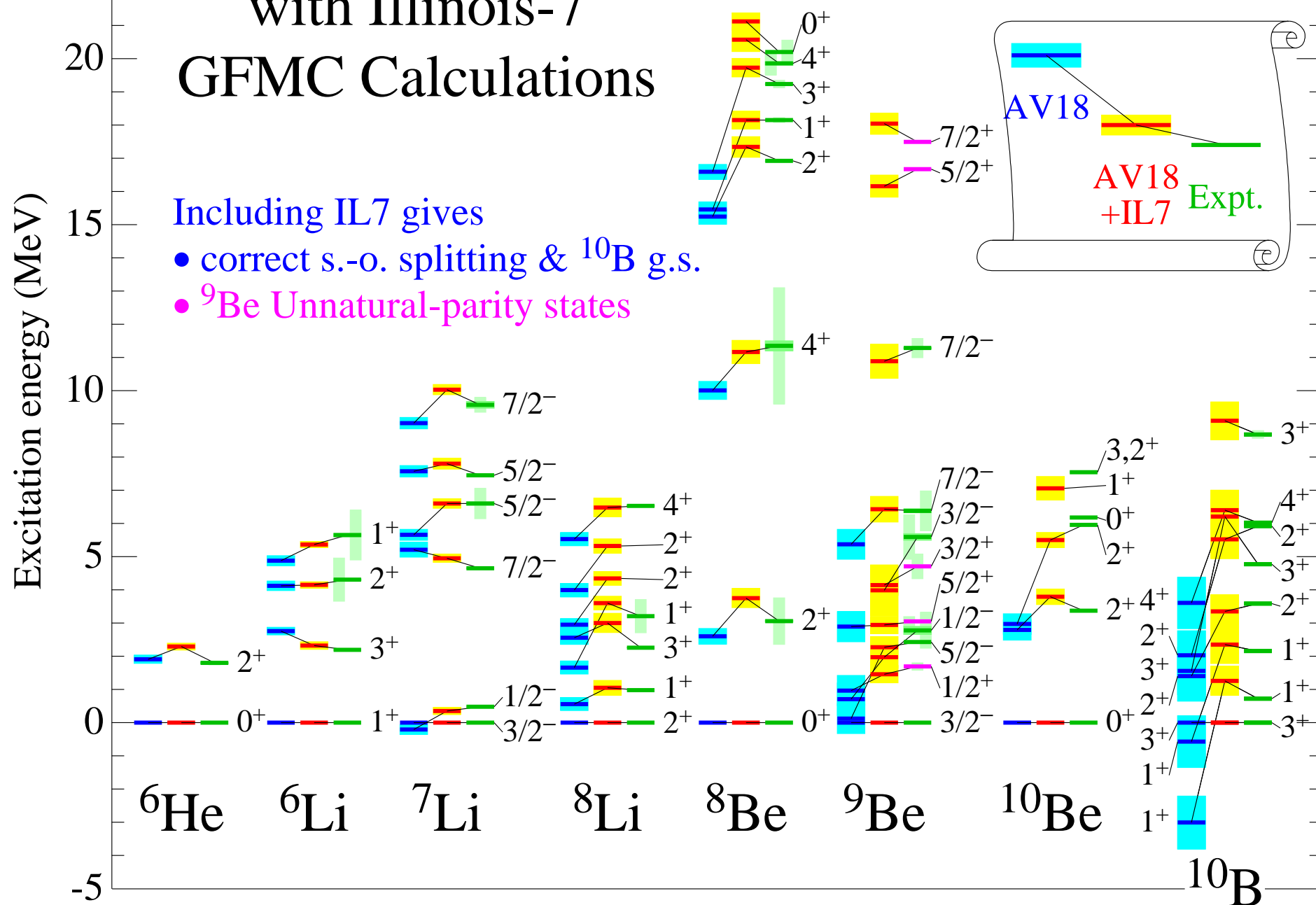
GFMC MAKES A BIG IMPROVEMENT ON VMC ENERGIES FOR $A \geq 6$





Including IL7 gives

- correct s.-o. splitting & ^{10}B g.s.
- ^9Be Unnatural-parity states



SECOND 0^+ (HOYLE) STATE OF ^{12}C

The Second 0^+ state of ^{12}C is the famous triple-alpha burning or Hoyle state

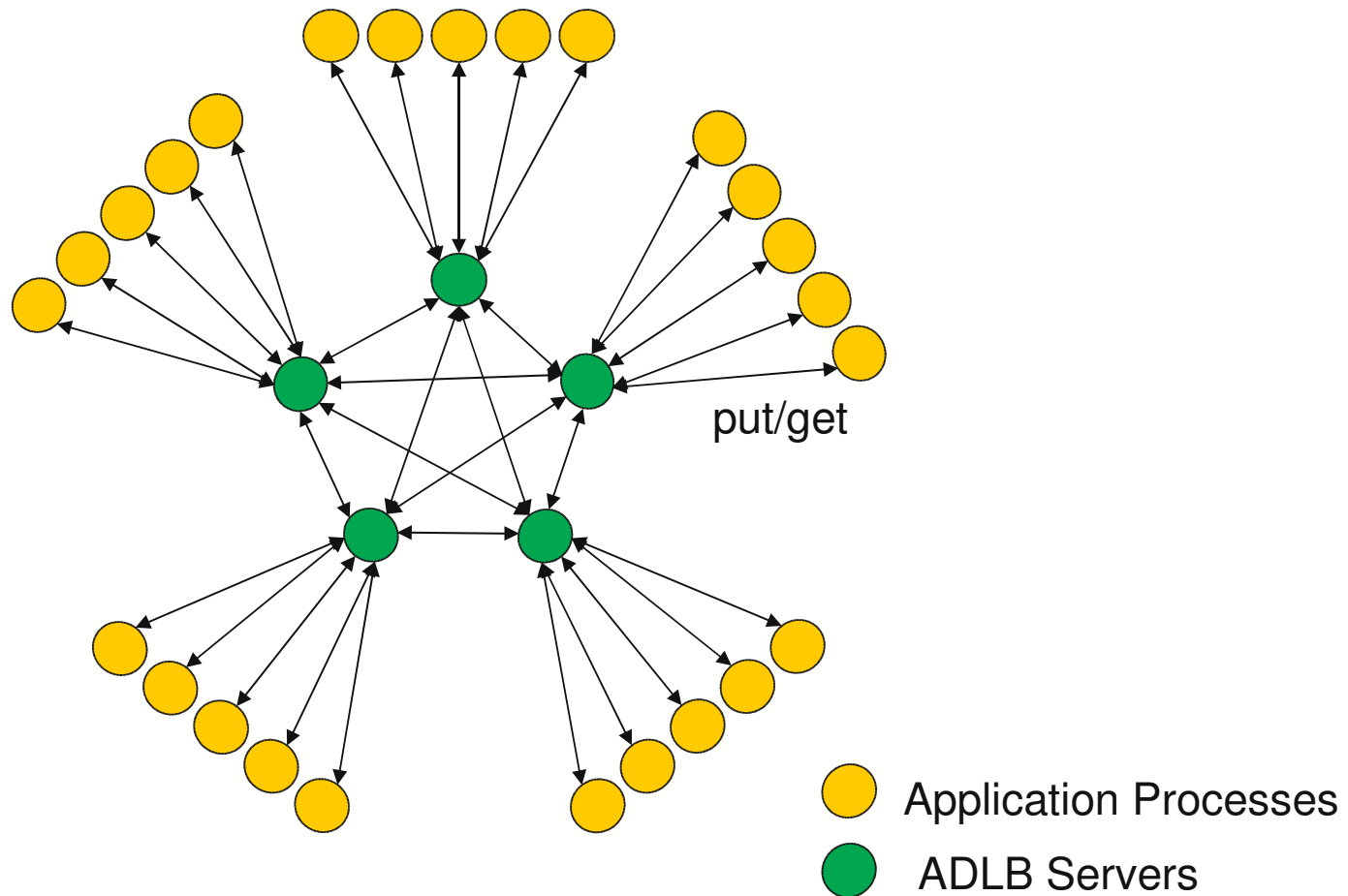
- Resonance only 0.38 MeV above 3α breakup threshold
- Doorway state postulated by Fred Hoyle for $3\alpha \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C}$ in stars. (Without the Hoyle state, there would be almost no carbon, and hence I would not be giving this lecture.)
- Shell model calculations show it to be 4-particle 4-hole excitation
- It is one of the goals of the UNEDF SciDAC
- Not yet converged in *ab initio* no-core shell model
- Our trial wave functions should have the necessary flexibility (triple- α structures)
- Need to make many calculations to explore this
- These are BG/P class calculations
- Want fewer Monte Carlo samples than nodes
- Need finer-grain parallelization than previously
- Automatic Dynamic Load Balancing (ADLB) library developed as the answer

AUTOMATIC DYNAMIC LOAD BALANCING – THE VISION

Being developed by Rusty Lusk and Ralph Butler

- Explicit master not needed:
 - Slaves make calls to ADLB library to off-load or get work
 - ADLB accesses local and remote data structures (remote ones via MPI)
- Simple Put/Get interface for application code hides most MPI calls
 - Advantage: multiple applications may benefit
 - Wrinkle: variable-size work units introduce some complexity in memory management
- Proactive load balancing in background
 - Advantage: application never delayed by search for work from other slaves
 - Wrinkle: scalable work-stealing algorithms not obvious

AUTOMATIC DYNAMIC LOAD BALANCING – WORK FLOW



AUTOMATIC DYNAMIC LOAD BALANCING – THE API

- Startup and termination
 - ADLB_Init(num_servers, am_server, app_communicator)
 - ADLB_Server()
 - ADLB_Set_No_More_Work()
 - ADLB_Finalize()
- Putting work or answers
 - ADLB_Begin_Batch_Put(common_buffer, length) – optional
 - ADLB_Put(type, priority, length, buffer, answer_destination)
 - ADLB_End_Batch_Put() – optional
- Getting work or answers
 - ADLB_Reserve(req_types, work_handle, length, type, priority, answer_destination)
 - or ADLB_Ireserve(...)
 - ADLB_Get_Reserved(work_handle, buffer)

ADLB – CURRENT GFMC IMPLEMENTATION

Old GFMC

Each slave gets several configurations

Slave

propagates configurations

(few w.f. evaluations)

replicates or kills configs (branching)

→ periodic global redistribution

computes energies

(many w.f. evaluations)

Need ~ 10 configs per slave

^{12}C will have only $\sim 10,000$ configs.

Can't do on more than 2000 processors

Configurations cannot be unit of
parallelization

With ADLB

A few “boss” slaves manage the propagation:

- Generate propagation work packages
 - Answers used to make 0,1,2, \dots new propagation packages (branching)
 - Number of prop. packages fluctuates
 - Global redistribution may be avoided
- Generate energy packages – No answers

When propagation done, become worker slaves

Most slaves ask ADLB for work packages:

- Propagation package
 - Makes w.f. and $3N$ potential packages
- Energy package
 - Makes many w.f. packages
 - Makes $3N$ potential packages
 - Result sent to Master for averaging
- Wave Function or $3N$ potential package
 - Result sent to requester

Wave function is parallelization unit

Can have many more nodes than configurations

EXAMPLE OF ADLB CODING – THE KINETIC ENERGY CALCULATION

Kinetic energy requires $6A$ wave functions at small steps from central location

These are farmed out as work packages (WP) via ADLB

(ADLB argument lists are schematic)

1) Make all the WP
Each has a unique key
and position
Put the WP to ADLB

```
do i = 1, A ; do ixyz = 1, 3 ; do is = 1, 2
  key = 100*i + 10*ixyz + is
  xyz = ...
  call ADLB_PUT( [key, xyz], len, &
    & ANY_DEST, my_rank, wf_type, ... )
enddo ; enddo ; enddo
```

2) Get all w.f.

Get answer or work to
avoid deadlocks

Process computed w.f.

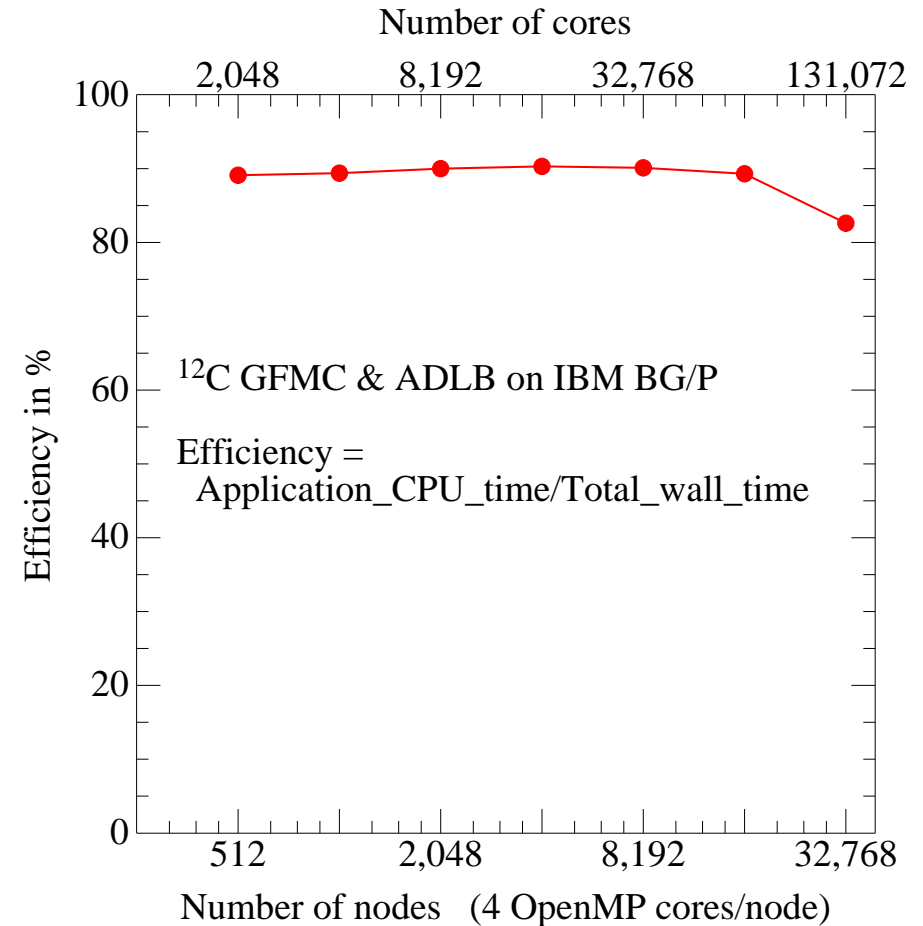
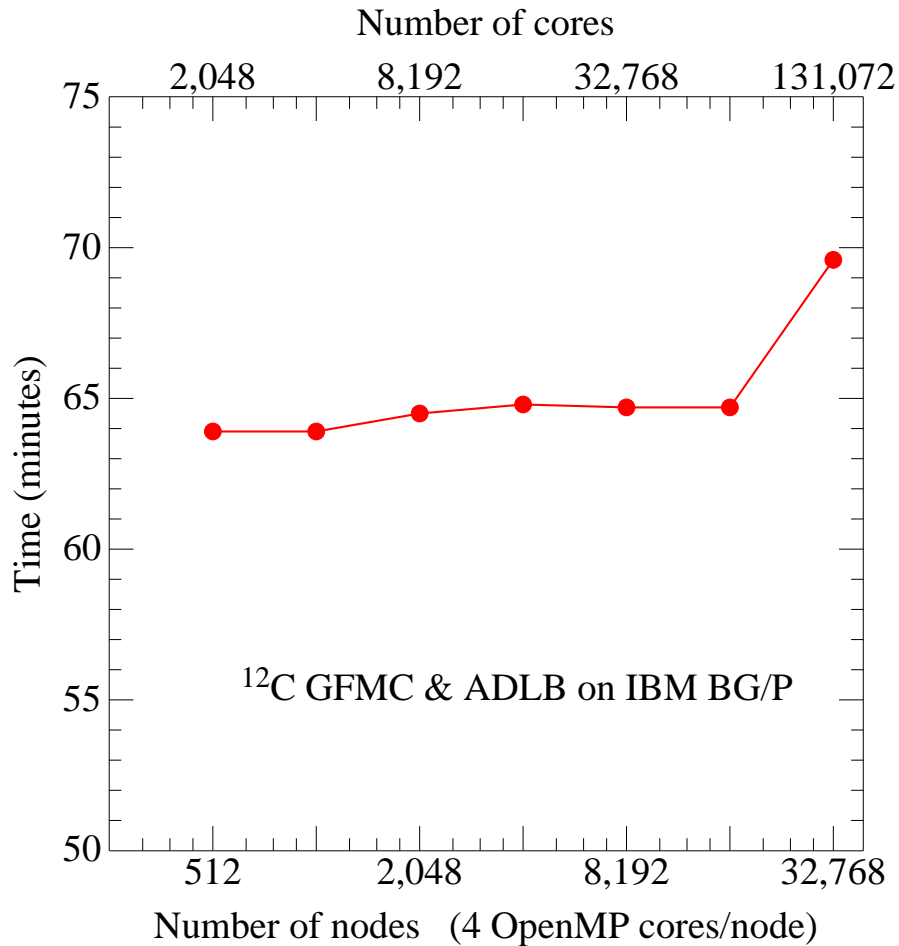
```
num_got = 0
do while ( num_got < 6*A )
  call ADLB_RESERVE( (/wf_ans, wf_type, -1/), &
    & type, handle, ans_rank ... )
  if ( type == wf_ans ) then
    call ADLB_GET_RESERVED( ans, handle, ... )
    ... use key to process
    num_got = num_got + 1
  else
    call ADLB_GET_RESERVED( work, handle, ... )
    compute wave function ...
    call ADLB_PUT( [key, w.f.], &
      & len, ans_rank, ... )
  endif
enddo
```

Send answer to the
originating rank

GFMC PERFORMANCE USING ADLB ON ARGONNE'S IBM BG/P

Weak scaling study – 2 Monte Carlo samples per node

ADLB performance is very good up to 32,768 nodes (131,072 cores)



ADLB is a general purpose library; give it a try! – <http://www.cs.mtsu.edu/~rbutler/adlb>

Let us know your experiences with it – spieper@anl.gov

ONE MORE PROBLEM – MEMORY

- Each node has 2 gigabytes of RAM and 4 processors (cores)
 - Only 500 megabytes per core
 - Not enough for ^{12}C if each core is a separate MPI/ADLB node
- Use Open MP to let the 4 cores work as one 2-gigabyte node
 - Directives added to source state which loops can be done in parallel
 - Iterations of the loops must be independent
 - Variables and arrays must be designated as “private” or “shared”
 - * Open MP makes multiple copies of private variables
 - * Programmer must guarantee non-overlapping stores into shared arrays
- IBM BGP OpenMP is quite successful – speedups of 2.6–3.9 from 4 cores
- MPI/ADLB between nodes with OpenMP on nodes is an example hybrid parallelization

OPENMP CHANGES

Generally only OpenMP directives needed to be added.

One case was more complicated

First Attempt

```
!$OMP PARALLEL DO ...
do n = 1, ...

  do m = ...
    do k = ...
      do ... many!
        stuff ...
        i = func_1(n,m,k,..)
        j = func_2(n,m,k,..)
!$OMP CRITICAL
      z(i,j) = z(i,j)+..
!$OMP END CRITICAL
    enddo
  enddo
enddo
!$OMP END PARALLEL DO
```

This did not speedup well

Final Version

```
!$OMP PARALLEL DO ...
do n = 1, ...
!$  ith = omp_get_thread_num()
  do m = ...
    do k = ...
      do ... many!
        stuff ...
        i = func_1(n,m,k,..)
        j = func_2(n,m,k,..)

        y(i,j,ith) = y(i,j,ith)+..

      enddo
    enddo
  enddo
enddo
!$OMP END PARALLEL DO
!$OMP WORKSHARE
z(:, :, 1) = y(:, :, 1)+y(:, :, 2) &
&          +y(:, :, 3)+y(:, :, 4)
!$OMP END WORKSHARE
```

This worked well

OPENMP FOR WORK ON ONE NODE

¹²C times (seconds) for key subroutines

Subroutine	Seconds		speed up
	No OMP	4 threads	
Wave function	15.7	5.4	2.9
Prop. update	5.5	2.1	2.6
V_{ijk}	29.3	7.5	3.9
Weighted average	18.2	5.5	3.3

Full iteration times (minutes on 512 nodes for 1000 samples)

	Minutes		speed up
	No OMP	4 threads	
Wall time	192.	61.	3.2
CPU time	85,700.	26,783.	3.2

^{12}C RESULTS

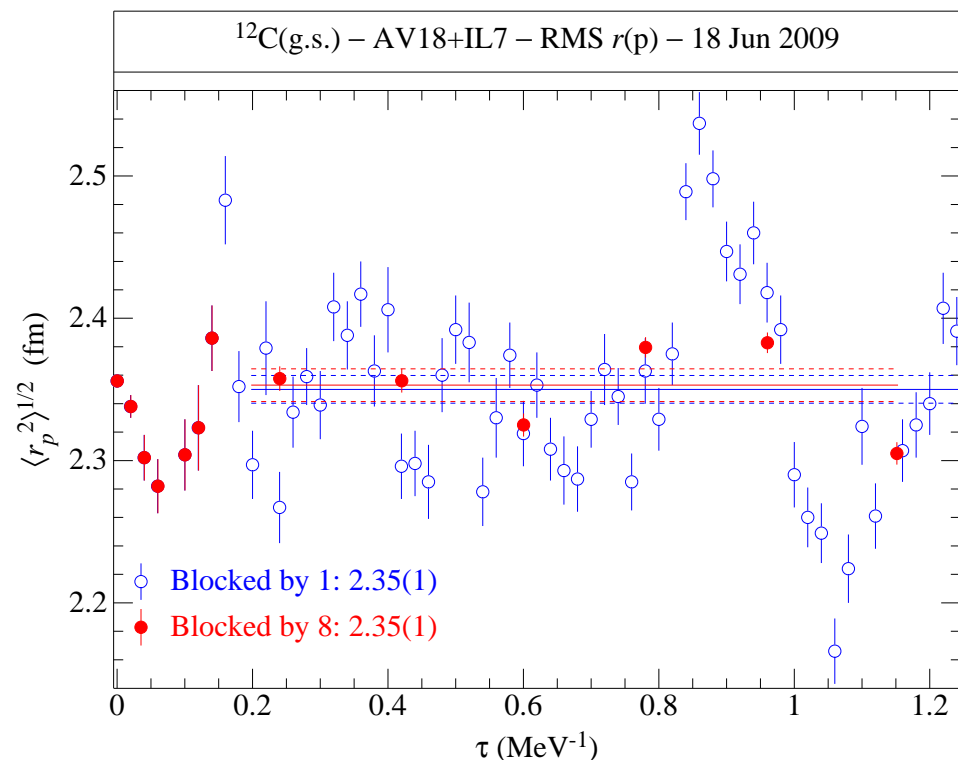
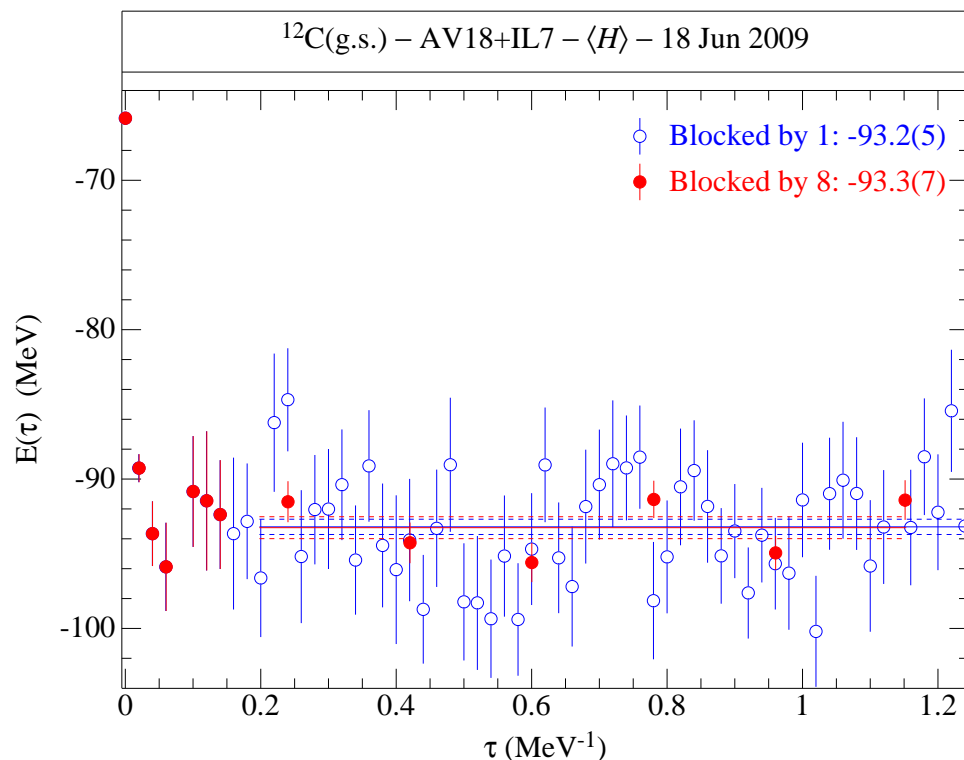
In Dec. 2008 & Jan. 2009, the first ADLB+GFMC calculation of the $^{12}\text{C}(\text{gs})$ was made.

- AV18+IL7 Hamiltonian
- Improved (and slower) Ψ_T than in our previous [approximate] $^{12}\text{C}(\text{gs})$ calculations
- GFMC energy changed only a little from our previous results
- 16,000 configurations propagated to $\tau = 1.24 \text{ MeV}^{-1}$ (2480 steps)
- 40 unconstrained time steps used before energy evaluations
- Used 8,192 nodes (32,768 cores) of BG/P (300,000 processor hours)
- 14 runs for total of 93 hours (first few very short)
- Speed of Ψ_T calculation has been significantly improved since then
- Convergence is very good and shows that
 - smaller maximum τ can be used
 - fewer unconstrained time steps, and hence fewer configurations, can be used

Calculations using Argonne v_{18} & the benchmark modified SSCC v'_8 NN potentials without V_{ijk} have also been made

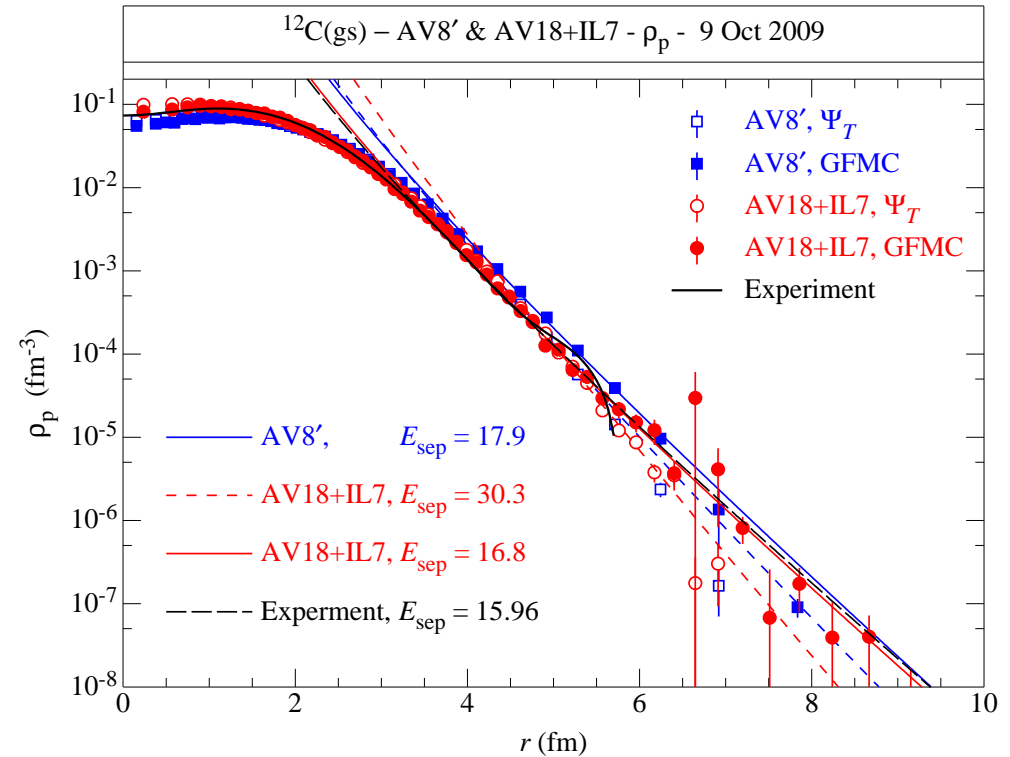
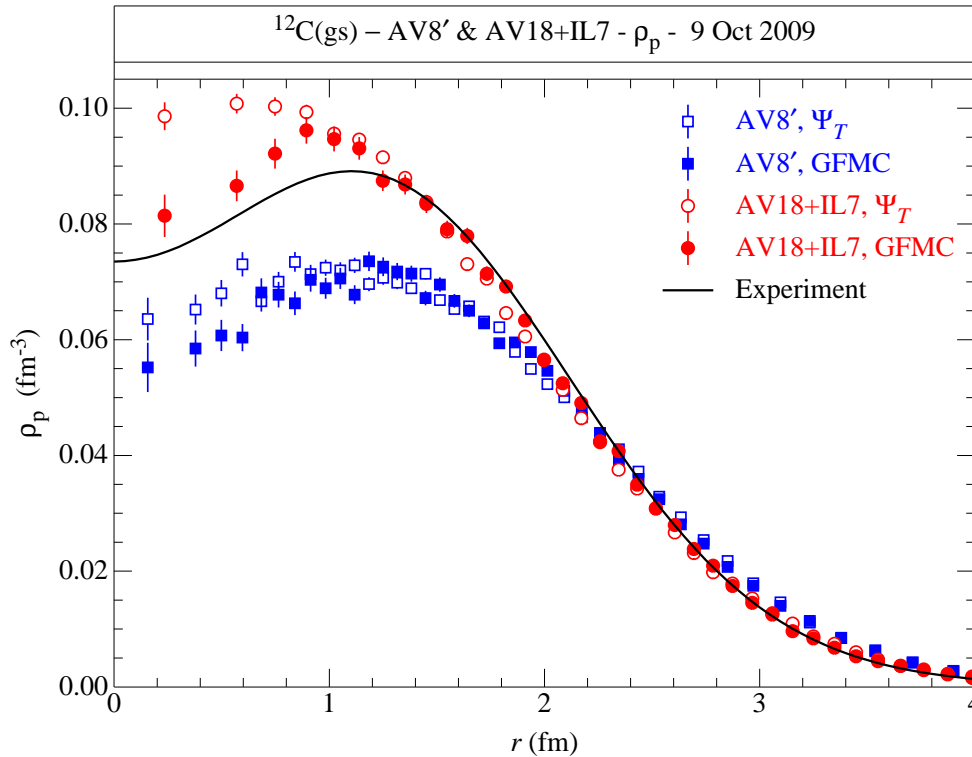
^{12}C RESULTS – ENERGIES & RADII

Convergence as a function of GFMC propagation steps or imaginary time (τ)



	Energy			RMS radius		
	VMC	GFMC	Expt.	VMC	GFMC	Expt.
AV18	-51.5(2)	-72.8(3)		2.48	2.51	
AV18+IL7	-65.8(2)	-93.2(6)	-92.16	2.36	2.35	2.33

^{12}C RESULTS — ONE-BODY DENSITY



The Ψ_T density is significantly improved by GFMC

- Central dip is generated
- AV18+IL7 tail falls at rate dictated by $E_{\text{sep}} = E(^{11}\text{B}) - E(^{12}\text{C})$ instead of twice as fast

CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE

We have made much progress in quantum Monte Carlo calculations of light nuclei

- 1 – 2% calculations of $A = 6 - 12$ nuclear energies are possible
- Illinois V_{ijk} give average binding-energy errors ≈ 0.6 MeV for $A = 3 - 12$
- ADLB library with OpenMP allows efficient use of 100,000 processors for GFMC
- Ground state of ^{12}C is well reproduced
- Scattering calculations work well

and there is still much to do

- More ^{12}C including $2^{nd} 0^+$ (Hoyle) state
- Lots of scattering states and reactions to be done
 - All big-bang, solar pp chain, & some r -process seeding reactions are accessible.
- GFMC calculations of other properties of nuclei
- Further development of ADLB
 - Current version saves work packages on ADLB servers
 - * for ^{12}C , 6% of the nodes are used for this and are unavailable for computing
 - Now working on a version that stores work on all the clients
 - * One-sided puts and gets used to move work packages
 - * Only one ADLB server to control things
 - Will be working towards the next generation Blue Gene

TO LEARN MORE

Pointers to the following are at <http://www.phy.anl.gov/theory/staff/SCP.html> & [RBW.html](http://www.phy.anl.gov/theory/staff/RBW.html)

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- ADLB load-balancing library is at <http://www.cs.mtsu.edu/~rbutler/adlb>